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EO 11652: NA
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY AIRLIFT MAURITANIA

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1. BOTH FEDERAL GERMANS AND SPAIN HAVE RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY TO GIRM GRAIN AIRLIFT REQUEST. SPAIN SENDING TWO AIRFORCE DC-3'S TO NOUAKCHOTT ETA AUGUST 27 FOR TEN-DAY STINT. FRG DISPATCHING ONE LUFTWAFFE C-160 (TRANSAL) FOR TWO-WEEK PERIOD
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BEGINNING AUGUST 29. IF ROADS IN SOUTH REMAIN IMPASSABLE,

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AND IF AIRLIFT WORKS SMOOTHLY, GERMAN AMBASSADOR IS PREPARED
RECOMMEND PROLONGING AIRLIFT BEYOND INITIAL TWO WEEKS AND
THE ADDITION OF A SECOND FRG C-160.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: BECAUSE WE WILL WISH BENEFIT FROM
GERMAN-SPANISH AIRLIFT EXPERIENCE AND BECAUSE ADEQUACY JET
FUEL STOCKS NOUAKCHOTT STILL UNCERTAIN, RECOMMEND WE NOT RPT NOT
RESPOND DEFINITIVELY TO GIRM AIRLIFT REQUEST AT THIS TIME.
REQUEST, HOWEVER, INSTRUCTIONS TELL GIRM WE STUDYING AIRLIFT
POSSIBILITIES WITH EYE TO PROVIDING AT LEAST ONE AIRCRAFT
TO CONTINUE EMERGENCY AIRLIFT IF AND AS NECESSARY TO TOWNS
STILL CUT OFF BY RAINS FOLLOWING END OF GERMAN-SPANISH EFFORT.

3. FYI: EMBOFF WILL VISIT NEMA, KIFFA, AIOUN EL ATROUS
AREAS--WHERE EMERGENCY GRAIN STOCKS REPORTED NEARLY EXHAUSTED
DUE IMPOSSIBILITY ROAD TRANSPORT FOLLOWING HEAVY RAINS--DURING
WEEK AUGUST 27. END FYI

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